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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, AUGUST 12, 2002

APPLICATION OF

WORLDCOM, INC.

And

INTERMEDIA COMMUNICATIONS, INC. CASE NO. PUC-2002-00123

To partially discontinue local exchange telecommunications services in Virginia

ORDER PERMITTING PARTIAL DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE

On June 20, 2002, WorldCom, Inc. and Intermedia Communications, Inc. (collectively, "Petitioners"), filed a Joint Petition with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") requesting Commission approval to discontinue Intermedia's provision of local exchange telecommunications services to customers in Virginia. The Joint Petition specifically requests approval to discontinue Intermedia's

¹ The Petition indicates that the Virginia entity is Intermedia Communications of Virginia, Inc., when in fact the certificated Virginia entity is Intermedia Communications, Inc.

 $^{^{2}}$ On July 1, 2001, WorldCom acquired Intermedia pursuant to the Commission's Order approving transfer dated December 12, 2000, in Case No. PUA-2000-00087. The Joint Petition states that as part of WorldCom's ongoing evaluation of Intermedia's operations since WorldCom's acquisition in July 2001, WorldCom has determined that it is necessary and appropriate to discontinue Intermedia's resold local exchange telecommunications services.

resold basic local exchange telecommunications services in Virginia. In their petition WorldCom states that it has made a business decision to discontinue Intermedia's resold local exchange telecommunications services based upon the limited number of Intermedia resale customers in Virginia.³

The Petitioners propose to discontinue Intermedia's resold local exchange telecommunications services in the Commonwealth of Virginia on or before August 9, 2002. Customers were provided notice of the discontinuance via first-class mail on June 11, 2002.

The Commission's primary concern with authorizing any discontinuance of telecommunications services is that adequate notice to the customers be provided. The Commission's rule regarding partial discontinuance, 20 VAC 5-423-30 (Requirements for Partial Discontinuance), requires that an application include a description of the customer notification efforts and that customers be provided at least 30 days' written notice of a proposed partial discontinuance of local exchange telecommunications services. Intermedia's notice to the affected customers exceeded the required 30 days' notice of the

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³ The Joint Petition states that the discontinuance of Intermedia's resold local exchange telecommunications services will not affect Intermedia's other services. WorldCom does not seek to cancel any certificate issued by the Commission to Intermedia or any tariff on file at the Commission since Intermedia will continue to provide certain government contract and other telecommunications services pursuant to its existing certificates.

pending discontinuance of local exchange telecommunications services.

NOW THE COMMISSION, being sufficiently advised, will grant the requested partial discontinuance of local exchange telecommunications services.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC-2002-00123.
- (2) WorldCom, Inc. and Intermedia Communications, Inc., are hereby granted authority to discontinue its provision of resold local exchange telecommunications services to customers in the Commonwealth of Virginia effective August 9, 2002.
- (3) Intermedia Communications, Inc., shall immediately revise its tariffs on file with the Division of Communications to reflect any needed revisions.
- (4) This case shall be closed, and the papers herein shall be placed in the file for ended causes.